

## TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES

[By Commercial Secretaries.]

The State Bank at Temple has increased its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

Fuller's earth has been found in Ellis, Burleson, Smith, Fayette and Shelby counties.

The oil wells in the Eleira fields are producing an average of about 600 barrels per day.

Rockport's commercial club is financing the building of a large cotton gin in that city.

Lufkin will call an election for a bond issue of \$200,000 for good roads in the near future.

San Angelo wool growers have shipped approximately 130,000,000 pounds of wool this season.

The Southwestern Telephone Company has purchased the exchanges at Pampa, Miama, Canadian, Glazier and Higgins.

Three cars of pecans, aggregating 90,000 pounds, were shipped last week from Marble Falls and Burnet to St. Louis and New York.

The Gulf Fish Company has been organized in Corpus Christi for the purpose of catching and packing fish. Work will begin on the plant at once.

The Commercial Club of Rockport is negotiating with Northern capitalists relative to the establishment of a tourists' hotel to cost about \$150,000.

In addition to the \$50,000 bonds for paving purposes and \$30,000 for sewer improvements, Beaumont will vote on \$50,000 for park building, December 20.

The display of a four-year-old orange tree from Alvin is one of the most attractive exhibits of the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition now on in Chicago.

The Galveston Commercial Association has submitted a proposition to the national government for the establishment of a fish hatchery on the gulf coast.

It is believed that within three

months actual work on the improvement of the Houston ship channel under a \$2,500,000 bond issue will be under way.

The Chamber of Commerce of Wichita Falls has launched a movement for the erection of an auditorium having a seating capacity of about three thousand.

There is a movement on foot in Refugio to secure two railroads, the Quanah, Seymour, Dublin & Rockport from San Marcos and the San Antonio, Mexico & Rockport road.

It is reported that the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company has filed application with the public utility corporation of Kansas to secure authority to issue \$20,000,000 in gold bonds to continue railroad building in Southwest Texas.

## To Vote on Saloon Restrictions.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 11.—The first referendum election in Springfield since the adoption of the commission plan of government will take place tomorrow. A vote will be taken on four measures, all of which propose further restrictions on saloons.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Texas, }  
County of Brazos }  
To the Creditors of Joe Kosh:

You are hereby notified that Joe Kosh of the County of Brazos, State of Texas, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1911, executed a deed of assignment to the undersigned of all his property for the benefit of his creditors who will consent to accept their proportionate share of his estate and discharge him from their respective claims, and that the undersigned said trustee has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must within four months after the publication of this notice make known to the assignee their consent in writing and within six months from the date of this notice file their claim prescribed by law with the undersigned, who resides at Bryan, Texas, which is also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this 7th day of December, A. D. 1911.

S. J. CREAGOR,

Assignee.

## Bluffed It Out.

The stories of the embarrassment of unsophisticated diners when faced by highly sophisticated menu cards are endless and usually amusing. A man whose career had confined his knowledge of things to eat to such standard products as ham and eggs and pork and beans found himself among a company who ordered intelligently from an extensive bill of fare. It contained so many classified dishes as to make a fair sized book, the pages of which he pawed aimlessly and in dismay. The waiter, who needed only his order slip and pencil in hand. The delay was noticeable and irritating to the unskilled diner, and finally he pointed blindly to the middle of a page with his finger.

"Give me some of that," he said. The waiter looked over his shoulder and remarked:

"That's mayonnaise dressing, sir."

"I know it. I can read."

"But," apologetically, "what will you have it on, sir?"

"On a plate, you bonehead. Do you feed your customers in troughs here?" —Chicago Post.

## Prayer in an East Indian Court.

The noon hour struck, tolled by the rail gong at the treasury door, and in a moment all things came to a standstill. The Mohammedan lawyers, the village Moslems loitering about the court, even Mozaffer Khan with his guardian policeman, all reverently withdrew. A moment later they reappeared on the wide concrete veranda outside the window at my left. There they laid down their prayer mats, and standing first with devoutly bowed heads and hands folded, they murmured the noon prayers of the prophet's religion; then knelt, still praying, and made obeisance, prostrating themselves before Allah the merciful, the compassionate. The reverence of their devotion was perfect and wholly free from the self-conscious shamefacedness that I should have felt, supposing that I, the magistrate, had suspended court to pray there in public. —Charles Johnston in Atlantic.

## The Russian Amsterdam.

St. Petersburg is one of the few great cities which have been made and not born. During his residence in Holland Peter the Great was so impressed by Amsterdam, perched upon the waters, that he determined to abandon Moscow and build a new capital which should have canals for streets. In his campaign against Sweden in 1702 he noted an island situated in the mid stream of the Neva. "Here is my Russian Amsterdam," he exclaimed and immediately began the building of a city there. The site was a marsh in summer and a frozen morass in win-

ter. Two miserable huts were the only buildings. The erection of the citadel, a great fort in the shape of a hexagon, with a tower 300 feet high, on the north bank of the Neva was his first care. The cottage in which Peter lived while laying out the city still exists.

## The Horrors of Thirst.

There is no horror like the horror of thirst—no physical suffering comparable to it. A traveler over the desert in Egypt describes a man who had lost his way, wandered about for days without water and finally came staggering into his camp. The man's eyes were bloodshot, his lips swollen to twice their natural size; his tongue, blue, parched and swollen, hung out of his mouth. To allow such a man to drink water at will would be like pumping cold water into a red-hot steam boiler. It would kill him. This man required to be held forcibly by four men in his eagerness to get at drinking water, while a fifth man allowed a few drops to trickle down the throat of the sufferer at long intervals. He had to be cooled off little by little, like an overheated boiler.

## The Color Cure.

To cure smallpox was apparently a very simple matter in the good old times. John of Gaddeston, court doctor to Edward III, has recorded that he got rid of the disease by the simple expedient of wrapping his patients in red cloth. "Let scarlet red be taken," he says, "and let him who is suffering smallpox be entirely wrapped in it or in some other red cloth. I did this when the son of the illustrious king of England suffered from smallpox. I took care that all about his bed should be red, and that cure succeeded very well." —London Tatler.

## Some Understanding.

The official undertaker of a small town was driving through the country on one of his regular missions. A woman came out to the gate of a farm yard and balled him.

"I don't seem to recall your name, madam," he said.

"That's funny," she said. "It ain't been more'n a year and a half ago since you undertook my first husband." —Saturday Evening Post.

## Why He Left.

"Why did you leave that swell board ing house?"

"Because the swellness was at the expense of the food supply."

"What do you mean?"

"Four kinds of forks and two kinds of vegetables." —Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

## Doubts and Don'ts.

Remember Talleyrand's advice, "If you are in doubt whether to write a letter or not—don't!" The advice applies to many doubts in life besides that of letter writing. —Bulwer-Lytton

Celebrity sells dearly what we think she gives. —Emile Souvestre.

## Life's Three Questions.

The three great questions of life are: "Is it right or wrong? Is it true or false? Is it beautiful or ugly?" These our education should help us to answer, and inasmuch as it fails it will lack in reaching a proper physical or moral standard. —Harper's Bazar.

## A Startling Lecture.

Mr. J. M. Barrie has given us a whimsical description of Professor Campbell Fraser, the famous author and dramatist having been at one time one of the professor's pupils. "I see him rising in a daze from his chair," says Mr. Barrie, "and putting his hands through his hair. 'Do I exist,' he said thoughtfully, 'strictly so called?' The students looked a little startled. This was a matter that had not previously disturbed them. Still, if the professor was in doubt there must be something in it. He began to argue it out, and an uncomfortable silence held the room in awe. If he did not exist the chances were that they did not exist either. It was thus a personal question. It was no wonder that the students who do not go to the bottom during their first month of metaphysics begin to give themselves airs, strictly so called. In the privacy of their room at the top of the house they pinch themselves to see if they are still there." —Pearson's Weekly.

## Wonders of a Book.

There is perhaps no greater wonder than a book. By the help of little figures upon spurs or paper men have been able to transmit their thoughts through thousands of years. The names and shapes of things, the deeds and sorrows that have occurred as far back as Adam, have been made known to us. Even those invisible and abstract thoughts which have no shape or substance, but which inspired the writer and have since inspired others, are all put down in the little letters and made eternal. The songs of David, the speculations of Plato, the visions of Homer, have by these means been handed down faithfully for many centuries and distributed among mankind. If there were no books our knowledge would almost be confined to the limit of sight and hearing. All that we could not see or hear would be to us like the inhabitants of the planet Saturn—a mere matter of idle conjecture. —Barry Cornwall.

## Mother at Prayer.

Once, says a writer, I suddenly opened the door of my mother's room and saw her on her knees beside her chair and heard her speak my name in prayer. I quickly and quietly withdrew with a feeling of awe and reverence in my heart. Soon I went away from home to school, then to college, then into life's sterner duties. But I never forgot that one glimpse of my mother at prayer nor the one word—my own name—which I heard her utter. Well did I know that what I had seen that day was but a glimpse of what was going on every day in that sacred closet of prayer, and the consciousness strengthened me a thousand times in duty, in danger and in struggle. When death came at last and sealed those lips the sorest sense of loss I felt was the knowledge that no more would my mother be praying for me.

## Largest Crystal or Beryl.

It remains for a Turk, wandering far from his native land, to find the largest crystal of beryl (aquamarine) ever discovered, a long distance inland in Brazil. It was dug out at a shallow depth, transported by canoe to the coast and finally sold at Bahia, bringing the finder, it is said, \$25,000. According to estimates, this crystal would furnish fully 2,000,000 carats of aquamarines of various sizes. —Argonaut

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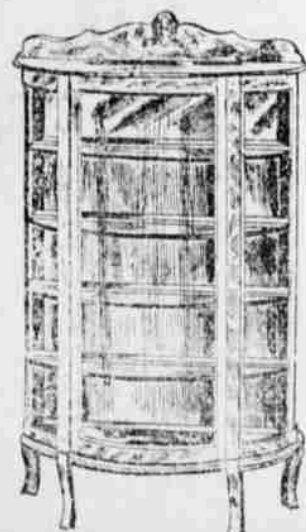
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